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1. ITEM REFERRED TO IN REFTEL CAME FROM VOA ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWS WIRE FOR USE BY ALL LANGUAGE SERVICES. ENGLISH TEXT STATED SEVERAL WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS AND DIPLOMATS HAD BEEN "MANHANDLED." THIS WAS BASED ON UP STORY FILED FROM MOSCOW THAT NORWEGIAN EMBASSY MOSCOW HAD PROTESTED TO MFA THAT ONE OF THEIR DIPLOMATS HAD BEEN "ROUGHED UP". PREVIOUS STORIES FILED FROM MOSCOW INDICATED THAT SEVERAL WESTERN DIPLOMATS PRESENT HAD BEEN JOSTLED AND SHOVED.

2. RUSSIAN TRANSLATION OF MANHANDLED AS "IZBITIY" CLEARLY EXAGGERATED WHICH VOA REGRETS.

3. CAREFUL EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY VOA TO CROSS CHECK ALL FACTS REPORTED BY WESTERN JOURNALISTS ON ART EXHIBIT. EARLIER MOSCOW DATELINE REPORTS CONCERNING MANHANDLING OF US AND OTHER DIPLOMATS WERE

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